

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	§	
Welker, et. al.	§	
	§	Group Art Unit: 3663
Serial No.: 10/598,732	§	
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Confirmation No.: 9557	§	
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Filed: September 8, 2006	§	
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For: Marine Seismic Survey Method and	§	Atty Dkt.: 14.0248-PCT-US
System	§	(WGEC0108)
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Dear Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Applicants, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.115(a), submit the following preliminary amendments prior to examination of this application.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.